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Commissioner

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## Dear Pharmaceutical Manufacturer:

This correspondence is to provide you with formal written notification of an upcoming meeting of the Alabama Medicaid Pharmacy & Therapeutics (P&T) Committee, to be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2005. This meeting <u>may</u> involve review of one or more of your company's drug products (see list below). This meeting will be held at the Alabama State Capitol Auditorium located in Montgomery, AL and will begin at 10:00 a.m. All meetings of this committee are open to the public.

The following is a list of drug classes and individual new drugs scheduled for review at this meeting:

DRUG CLASSES	NEW DRUG PRODUCTS
Macrolides (revisited from January '05 meeting) –AHFS 081212	Aldara <sup>®</sup>
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Preparations:	Clindesse®
Antiallergic Agents – AHFS 520200	Tindamax <sup>®</sup>
Vasoconstrictors – AHFS 523200	Zegerid <sup>®</sup>
Opiate Agonists(excluding long-acting oral preparations)–AHFS 280808	
Opiate Partial Agonists –AHFS 280812	
Skeletal Muscle Relaxants – AHFS 122000	

As you may be aware, manufacturers whose products are scheduled for review are allowed the opportunity to provide written clinical comments to the Medicaid P&T Committee. All written comments must be received by Medicaid's Clinical Contractor, *MedMetrics Health Partners* (re: AL Medicaid P&T Support; 100 Century Drive; Worcester, MA 01606), no later than Wednesday, September 21, 2005. Written comments should be limited to clinical information only and should not contain any reference to cost. Comments inclusive of cost information, or those received after the submission deadline, will be rejected in their entirety. Manufacturers must provide 20 copies of written comments upon submission.

For products slated for P&T review, manufacturers are also allowed the opportunity to make brief (no more than 5 minutes) oral summary presentations of product clinical data to the Medicaid P&T Committee on the day of the meeting. Written notification of your intent to make an oral presentation at this meeting, as well as a one-page summary of the material to be presented, must also be received by MedMetrics Health Partners no later than **Wednesday**, **September 21, 2005**.

Please refer to the Medicaid web-site for additional information related to presentations, timelines, clinical comment submissions, and/or submission of volume discounts. If you should have additional questions regarding this notice, or if you have received this letter and are no longer the appropriate contact please contact the Medicaid Pharmacy Program at (334) 242-5050.

Sincerely,

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